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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/656974	Applicant(s) DASSEUX ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1 ~~are~~^{is} subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____. | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

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Restriction is required as follows:

The compounds are broken up according to K1, R1 and R2 and W. These are the 3 indices of patentability.

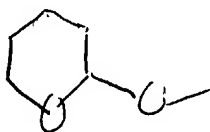
The restrictable values of each are listed below:

K1

1) COOH its ester and C(O)NHCN

2) CHO

3) OCOR5 or



4) SO₃H or SO₂NH₂

5) is bonded through OP containing groups

6) is an O (solely) containing hetero ring other than that of 3) above

7) is a N containing hetero group

R1 and R2

1) at least 1 is phenyl or benzyl

2) at least 1 is alkenyl or alkynyl

3) both are alkyl

4) they are taken together forming cycloalkyl

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W

1) is H

2) is acyclic forming an ether

3) is aromatic forming an ether

4) is heterocyclic forming an ether

5) is attached through a Si atom

6) is a group forming an ester

Thus there are $7 \times 4 \times 6 = 168$ groups. Applicants should elect 1 of the above groups by denoting the above selected value for each of the 3 restriction determinants .

Restriction is proper because a vast amount of territory is covered by the claim. The claim involves acyclic fatty acid derivatives, aromatic and alicyclic acid derivatives. Alkynoic ,alkenoic and alkanoic acids are included. Further sulfonic acids ,lactones, bib(tetrahydropyranyloxy)compounds , different phosphates and many other heterocyclic compounds are included. The other side of the ~~chain~~ may be substituted by OH or a protected OH group which itself covers a vast amount of territory.

The various compounds are classified in many different Classes in the PTO and the literature search is encyclopedic.

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Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bernard Dentz whose telephone number is 571-272-0683. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 8 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang, can be reached on 571 272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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